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## Seagull mitigation proving effective, township says

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Measures the Township of Minden Hills has undertaken to control the seagull population at and near the Scotch Line landfill are proving effective, staff reported to council during an Aug. 29 meeting.

In August of 2018, councillors heard delegations from Mountain Lake residents frustrated by the hundreds of seagulls who continued to litter their docks, boats and waterfront areas with feces, feathers and garbage. The south end of Mountain Lake is located not far from the township's Scotch Line landfill. Issues with the high number of gulls on Mountain Lake have been ongoing for years.

In September of 2018, council voted to

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## Hitting the books

Archie Stouffer Elementary School education assistant Elizabeth Woof receives a hug from Grade 3 student Anwyn Vollmer-Sheppard on the first day of the school year on Tuesday, Sept. 3 in Minden. The school has more than 400 students registered this year. There were two million students in the province going back to school on Tuesday. See more photos on page 5. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Weather helps move arena project along

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Dry and sunny weather throughout much of the summer has helped move the Minden Hills arena project along.

Community services director Mark Coleman gave councillors a monthly update on the \$13-million project during an Aug.

29 council meeting.

"The project is progressing on schedule, to slightly ahead of schedule," Coleman said. "There's about a month more of major tendering to be done until the end of September."

The new building is scheduled to be completed before the 2020/21 ice season. The regular users of the ice surface at the Minden arena are for the most part using the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton village for

this upcoming winter.

While the contract for the project, being done through what's called an "integrated project delivery" model, was awarded to Ottawa's McDonald Brothers' Construction and Parkin Architects Ltd., those companies oversee the bidding process for all the subcontractors used throughout the project. Any savings are split between the proj-

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# Fewer gulls in area this summer

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hire company Rentokil Steritech to mitigate the seagull population, for the period of one year. The company's methods include the removal of eggs and nests as well as the culling of some birds, those typically being messenger gulls who take information about food sources back to the rest of the flock.

As public works director Travis Wilson told councillors during the Aug. 29 meeting, because of the high number of gulls at the Scotch Line landfill – last year, as many as 1,000 of the birds could be spotted at the landfill at one time – the company had initially believed the gulls were actually mating at the landfill site.

"In the spring of 2019, it was determined that the targeted ring-billed gulls do not nest in this area," a report from Wilson reads. "This has led Rentokil to believe that the majority of the seagull population throughout the summer are primarily migrators with newly fledged birds. These migratory ring-billed gulls travel the Atlantic fly path and are primarily headed to the Niagara River for the winter."

“We’re getting close to the end of what I feel is our responsibility to the public on this matter.”  
— MAYOR BRENT DEVOLIN

The cost for the company's services for a year was approximately \$35,000. Additionally, the company was given permission to do some additional falconry work, Rentokil also using birds of prey to ward off the gulls.

"The program required some adjustment when it was realized that the gulls were not nesting near the landfill, and as a result staff authorized Rentokil to increase the hawk and falcon activity throughout August and September in an attempt to mitigate the migrators," Wilson's report reads. "The cost to do this is \$9,600 for two months, once per week."

The additional falconry resulted in a deficit of about approximately \$10,000 for the year, but was money that was very well spent, Wilson told councillors, adding that there seem to be far fewer seagulls in the area than last year.

Council will undertake the services of the company again in 2020, at the cost of approximately \$35,000. Wilson said the company has indicated it typically takes three years for its methods to become effective.

In addition to the services of Rentokil, the township has been covering waste at the Scotch Line landfill much more regularly – once a day instead of the one time per week that is required in the facility's environmental compliance approval from the province.

Councillor Bob Carter wondered if much of the decrease in the gull population may not just be a result of more efficient operations at the landfill, and wondered how long the township should go on paying a company for mitigation services. Also, since different groups of birds have different patterns, "I'm wondering, are we fighting a losing battle?" Carter said.

"We're getting close to the end of what I feel is our responsibility to the public on this matter," said Mayor Brent Devolin, stressing the township had done its part to clean up its facility, and that there are other food sources for gulls, including at private businesses, within Minden.

One of the Mountain Lake residents who made a presentation to council last year told the *Times* she has noticed a reduction in the number of gulls on the lake. While earlier in the summer it looked quite promising, by late summer she said she could still count as many as 300 gulls in her area of the lake, but said this was down from 700 at the peak last summer.

# Fundraising group established

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ect delivery team of the two companies and the township through what is called a "profit pool."

The project includes a new arena with a 200-foot ice pad and six change rooms, new office space for township staff and a gymnasium with elevated walking track. Coleman said the steel structure for the walking track was scheduled to be installed shortly, and that drywalling should begin within six weeks or so. Some electrical and plumbing work has also started, he said.

"I think we've only had one day in this whole summer that we've kind of been adversely affected by weather and rain," said Mayor Brent Devolin. "For scheduling a capital project, it has been a dream."

Devolin added that within the next couple of months, the new building should be sealed off, allowing internal work to continue uninterrupted.

"It will take weather out of the equation, as we go forward," he said.

Councillor Bob Carter had questions regarding budget documents.

"There are a number of things . . . you've got masonry veneer, where at one point there was a budget, and then it's been taken out, things for fire alarms and security monitoring and so and so forth," Carter said. "I understand that masonry veneer was probably something that was done differently, but when I see security systems and fire alarms that have gone from a budget to zero, what does that mean?"

"So, as the more detailed design progressed, some of those finer details got flushed out, so some monies in some budget lines are moved," Coleman said, explaining that one bidder may be able to provide more than one component of the building.

"Fire alarms, I assume is covered off somewhere, it would be nice to know where that is," Carter said.

A fundraising working group for the project has been established, with its inaugural meeting taking place July 31.

"It was more an overview meeting and discussion of ideas and setting a potential framework for various fundraising initiatives," Coleman said.

Minutes from that meeting show that present were Coleman, Devolin and members Diane Peacock, Cheryl Smith Hamilton, Betty Mark and Kathy Mason. According to the minutes, some of the fundraising ideas discussed were a seat sale; the possibility of selling square foot chunks of the ice surface with the names of the purchasers put on a plaque in the building; donors purchasing a brick or metre of the walking track; motorcycle rides; dinners; golf tournaments; and scavenger hunts. Sponsorships were also discussed.

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# Council defers governance review RFP

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Haliburton County council continues to work toward having a service delivery and governance review performed for the municipality and its four, lower-tier townships.

Councillors have been discussing a review, which could provide recommendations on changes to the structure of the local government, throughout the year.

In June, councillors received a report on a shared services/collaboration review completed by the chief administrative officers of the five local governments, along with department heads. The report included an inventory of numerous existing collaborations between the municipalities – from shared training and information-sharing amongst bylaw staff to a county-wide firefighter recruit program to joint tendering for roads department materials such as salt and hot mix, and activities such as surveying and traffic counting. There are also a number of roads maintenance agreements in place between municipalities in different areas of the county.

That report also suggested a number of areas the chief administrative officers of the local governments had identified for potential collaboration, larger scale ideas such as a county-wide building department, county-wide procurement department, a county-wide or shared fire department, county-wide waste contracts and a county-wide economic development department.

At their June meeting, councillors instructed staff to develop a draft process for a governance review, with the CAOs meeting in July to discuss that process.

In August, the CAOs, or senior staffers representing them, met with Michael Fenn. Fenn is a respected civil servant

and consultant who is currently leading the review of the province's eight regional governments initiated by the Ford government, and who is also a part-time resident in the county. Fenn took part in the conversation simply as a resident of Dysart et al, a report from county CAO Mike Rutter indicated.

"He was very clear from the very beginning he couldn't give us any information on the regional reviews," Rutter told councillors during an Aug. 28 meeting.

"In the conversation, he made it very clear, and [these] are his words, that form follows function," Rutter said. "So, in other words, that what to gove rn really becomes evident once you decide what is to be governed."

A report from Rutter suggested that \$150,000 be budgeted for the review (although Rutter said at the meeting this number may be conservative), with 50 per cent of that coming from the county itself, and 12.5 per cent coming from each of the four lower-tier townships. All the local governments received one-time grants from the province earlier this year. And while that funding was presented in a "no strings attached" fashion, there has been a widespread understanding that the expectation is that municipalities would use at least some of that money for internal service reviews in order to streamline their operations. The county received \$725,000, Dysart et al and Minden Hills each \$542,255, Highlands East \$534,469 and Algonquin Highlands \$532,292.

"At the conclusion, council would review the recommendations from the consultant," Rutter said. Any change to local governance structure would remain a decision of county council, and Rutter emphasized it would be important to integrate the four lower-tier councils so their members are also involved in the process. "This is a pretty extensive study, so we know it would take a considerable amount of time."

"This is an extremely big-ticket item," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen, adding that maybe conversation should be continued at an upcoming visioning session county council has scheduled.

"I know there are questions about the extent of involvement by county council . . . it could be that we want to defer this, but I look to council for comments," Danielsen said.

Some councillors were ready to vote to draft an RFP at last week's meeting.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts noted the issue of possible amalgamation of Haliburton County comes up during each municipal election, and that while some people have strong opinions one way or another, those opinions are often based on emotion rather than the sort of evidence that would be produced by a study.

"I think this is the ideal time to do this," Roberts said. "As of today, I would go forward this."

Roberts added she thought it would be a wise way to spend some of the grant money the municipalities had received from the province.

Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell agreed.

"I think as councillors, we actually owe it to the ratepayers to get an answer [regarding the question of amalgamation]," Schell said. "Because I don't know. That's my answer; I don't know."

However, other members of council were uncomfortable moving forward at the meeting, with Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton and Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall both saying they'd prefer to defer, having more conversation about process before voting to release the RFP.

"It's something I want to do once, and do right," Ryall said.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said if it would make everyone more comfortable to wait a couple of more weeks before proceeding, that he was fine with that. Devolin has been the most outspokenly supportive of the single-tier-type model of any member of county council.

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This is an extremely big-ticket item.

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**Sept 26 – Regular Council Meeting**

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Above, Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 1 student Reed Fountain looks up at his mother Kaitlin Neave, who was seeing her son off on the first day of the school year on Tuesday, Sept. 3 in Minden. / DARREN LUM Staff

Right, a few minutes after the bell rings the hallway is a very calm scene.



ASES Grade 8 student Charlotte Moynes speaks into the mic, delivering the first day of school announcements.



**ASES students head back to class**  
Three-year-old Wren Colliss attempts to hop with Archie Stouffer Elementary School Education Assistant Elizabeth Woof on the first day of school.

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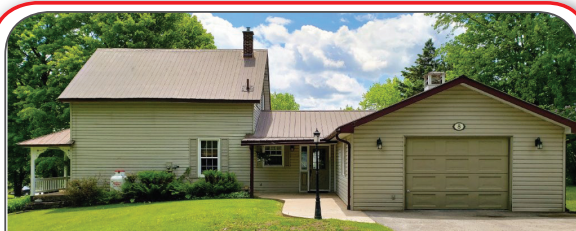
## Fore the fun of the drive

A golfer drives the ball off the tee from the first hole during the OSGA District 11 (Muskoka/Haliburton) Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. There were 83 District 11 golfers, who competed in the local event British Columbia./

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Suzanne McEwen watches her putt on the 18th hole. McEwen has won the last two district tournaments and is eligible to represent the district at the Canada Games in August, 2020 in Kamloops, British Columbia.



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## A sign

**D**URING THE Labour Day weekend, we took a family day trip to Fenelon Falls, which was excellent. It's been years since I've spent much time there, and it's apparent there's an ongoing community effort to rejuvenate the town. There have been improvements to the waterfront area, including a splash pad that opened last summer, and there is a sense of renewal and optimism as new businesses open up shop.

But that's not what this column is about.

I was sitting outside the museum (which is also excellent) watching Evangeline play in the sandbox, when I noticed something floating through the air above me. For a moment, I wasn't quite sure what it was. A butterfly? It was sort of swirling toward me in the breeze, almost in slow motion, like that feather in *Forrest Gump*. Then, it landed at my feet and I could see clearly that it was a curled, brown oak leaf. How rude.

Technically, summer is not over for a couple of weeks, which is what I constantly tell myself, and anyone who will listen. Just random strangers at the grocery store, in some cases. Of course, it's getting a bit difficult to believe my own rhetoric with all of my friends posting back-to-school pictures of their kids on social media and the weather transforming into a grey malaise. In an unspeakable tragedy, on Tuesday, for the first time in months, I put on a pair of

blue jeans.

You can feel it on the roadways of Haliburton County, the buzz of summer traffic suddenly gone. Lakes that just days ago were filled with the roar of boat motors suddenly quiet. I'm writing this column from the *Echo* office and across the street, the parking lot at Head Lake Park, which has been jammed for weeks and weeks on end, is almost empty. As if a giant switch has been flicked,

the community has returned to the usual, sleepy pace that exists outside of July and August.

Of course, this downtime is often welcome in a way. Merchants, accommodators, restaurateurs and business owners of all

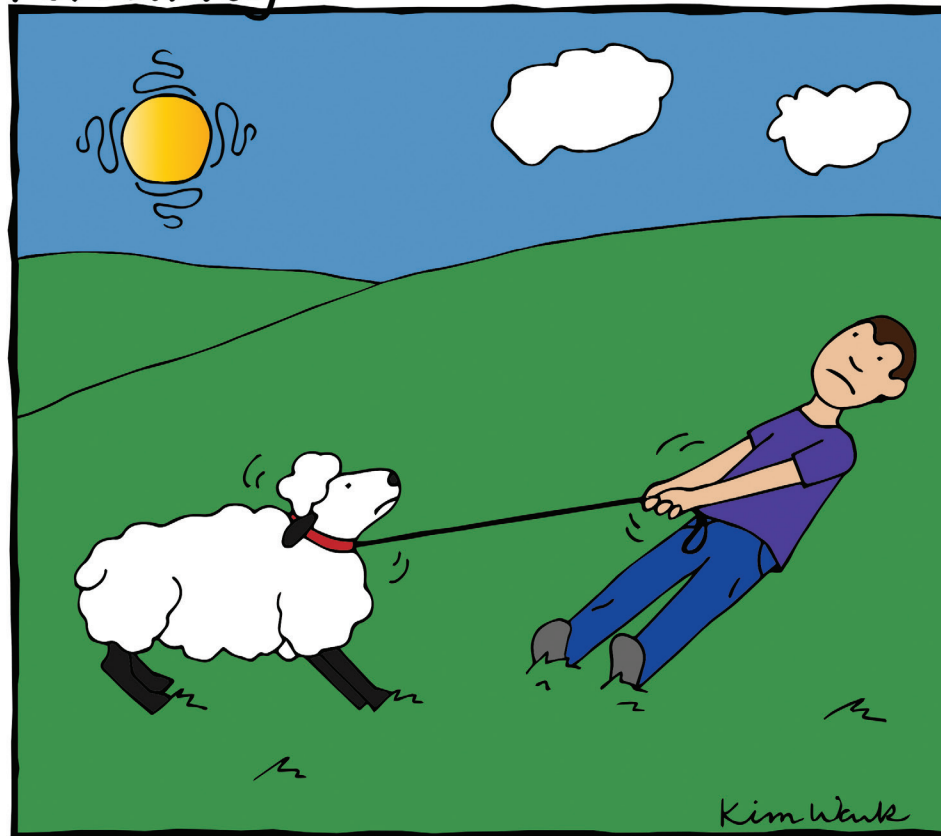
sorts who've been running their feet off for the past few months can take a breath and perhaps some time for themselves. For the rest of us, we no longer have to wait in line . . . well, anywhere, really. September typically gives us some sun, and it can be pleasant to enjoy that weather in peace and quiet.

Of course, as I was so rudely reminded by that oak leaf during my trip to Fenelon Falls, before long the county's green canopy will turn fiery with reds, yellows and oranges, signalling that the soulless calamity known as winter is on its way.

Until then, I'll be the guy wearing Bermuda shorts, drinking lemonade in the rain and telling anyone who'll listen that it is still technically summer.

**CHAD INGRAM**  
Reporter

## Kwarky

*Taming of the Ewe*

## With friends like these

**T**HERE'S AN old saying that says, "With friends like these, who needs enemies?"

The problem with this saying is that it is sometimes difficult to know when somebody is genuinely trying to be well-meaning and when they are luring you into harm's way.

I encountered a prime example of this just the other day. Jenn and I had just come back from a self-inflicted outing in a blackberry patch. Our intention was to collect enough blackberries to make a pie for dessert and we had come up just a little short.

We were thinking we might have to go to the store and buy more to supplement our haul when a friend of ours texted Jenn and said, "Hey I know a blackberry patch you guys can go to..."

This is the kind of statement lawyers on either side of the friend-versus-enemy argument could use all day long.

On one hand, she probably meant well. A good blackberry patch with lots of thumbnail-sized berries is hard to find and a treasure for those of us who like to make jams and pies – or, in my case, eat them.

That's why you could argue it was a wonderful act of friendliness.

On the other hand, have you ever entered into the hellhole that is a blackberry patch? Barring tax time, cleaning my office and growing overly distracting man boobs, I am not afraid of many things. Yet, when I sleep and my dreams descend into dark and horrible nightmares, I am generally naked in a blackberry patch on a very windy day.

Of course, you don't have to be naked to feel the wrath of the cruel and heartless

thorns that are possessed by the blackberry. All you need to do is reach in past your elbows to get that one ripe, plump berry that, like a Siren, is calling your name.

It seems so simple and harmless. You just reach in and pluck it.

That's when the evil shrub will launch its ambush.

It won't happen until you are withdrawing your arm. Then, thorny stalks that you swear were not there when you started will lunge at your arms, legs, ears, head and other exposed extremities.

Before long you are trapped like a fly in a spider's web.

Then the worst thing possible happens. You drop the berry.

A sane person would use this distraction to fight their way out of the situation and make it back to the car and never return again until someone has developed a berry-proof suit.

Ah, but if you were sane, you would buy your blackberry

at the supermarket. So, instead, you ignore the pain and lunge further into the depths of the bush and try to reach for the berry you just dropped.

Minutes later, just as you come to terms with the fact that this blackberry patch is where you will spend your remaining days, the bush somehow relinquishes its hold on you. My theory is it does this so you can return home and tell the others of the horrors you have faced.

You would have done that too, had you not spied an even nicer looking berry on the way out. By the time this is over you are scratched up and itchy and still have exactly half the berries you need.

And, if you are lucky, you don't have another friend who wants to help you out.

**STEVE GALEA**  
*Beyond 35*



## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

### When the presses go silent

SILENCE IS not always golden.

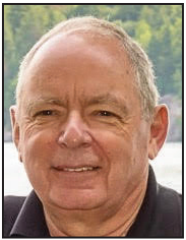
Sometimes it is sorrowful, even hurtful.

It was all that when the thunder of newspaper presses at *The Hamilton Spectator* faded to a whisper, then silence, last Friday.

It was like watching a heart stop beating. Presses that had printed billions of words of news for millions of readers over many decades suddenly still and silent.

Those presses will not roar again. A hole will be smashed through a side wall of *The Spectator* building and a scrap dealer will disassemble and remove the colossal machines.

A small group of employees and former employees witnessed the final press run. I was among them because I have family connections to the paper, plus those presses printed many of my stories, written as a wire service reporter, later as a freelance writer.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

*The Spectator* will continue to serve its readers in print and online, but printing and distribution will be done elsewhere by other people.

Watching the presses go silent was heartbreaking. But beyond the heartache and the nostalgia is the realization that a final press run is a reflection of what is happening in the newspaper business across North America and around the world.

Presses are going silent and are being sold for scrap metal to save money as newspapers fight plunging circulation and reduced revenues. It is a fight for life that started two decades or more ago. Many papers have not survived.

In Canada, more than 200 newspapers have closed in the last 10 years – 13 of them paid circulation dailies in fair-sized cities and 189 community newspapers in smaller centres.

In the United States there have been roughly 1,800 newspaper closures since 2004, more than 60 of them dailies. Newspaper circulation declined 40 per cent in the U.S. during the same period, and newsroom employment fell 45 per cent.

One result of all this is expanding news deserts – widening areas without newspapers. The number of communities whose citizens have diminished access to news critical to their lives, and to democracy, is growing rapidly.

This is a shame because we live in a time of misinformation, manipulated information and information massaged and shaped to benefit political and business interests and the powerful people behind them.

Newspapers and their professionally-trained editors and reporters are needed to correct and balance one-sided information by gathering and reporting facts. Despite the industry's problems, the quality of newspaper reporting and writing has increased significantly in recent times.

Newspaper owners and publishers must accept some blame for the decline of newspapers and the resulting weakening of our democracy.

They lacked the foresight and innovation needed to maintain their newspapers' important role in a changing society. They continued to do things the way they always had done, while new and innovative players like Microsoft, Amazon, Apple, Google, Facebook and Twitter exploded on the scene and changed the world.

The game is not done yet for the newspaper industry. Its future lies in delivering its important work to readers online.

It must, however, regain newspaper readership and that will require much innovative thinking. Much thinking in the past was about how to attract and please advertisers and not enough on readers, who are the industry's most important customers.

Advertisers are important because they pay the bills and add value to the newspaper products. But without the most important customers – the readers – there is no need for advertising.

The newspaper industry needs to engage readers directly to help them understand how news is collected, how decisions about news are made and how it affects their lives. To show them that the only true news is news based on provable facts, balanced by context, and free of bias and opinion.

Newspaper owners and publishers need to get out of their offices and talk with readers because there is no future for newspapers without an engaged and committed readership.

There are a lot of intelligent people in the newspaper industry and my guess is that they will figure out how best to revive and revitalize this crucial aspect of our lives.

We have to hope so because as *The Washington Post* masthead states: Democracy Dies in Darkness.

It also dies when presses, or the digital production equipment that replaces them, go silent.

### Sleep apnea

IN THE LAST couple of months I have come across more and more people who are being tested for sleep apnea. My father has lived with it for many years now. Before today I didn't know much about it other than it's a sleep disorder caused by interrupted breathing.

Now I know that there are three types of sleep apnea. They are:

- Obstructive sleep apnea: This is the most common type and it occurs when the muscles of the throat relax.
- Centre sleep apnea: This one happens when the brain doesn't send the correct signals to the muscles that control the breathing.
- Complex sleep apnea syndrome: This is when the person suffers from a combination of the other two (three cheers for the over-achievers out there).

The symptoms of sleep apnea include: loud snoring, episode of stopped breathing, gasping for air during sleep, awaking with dry mouth, morning headache, difficulty staying asleep, daytime sleepiness, and irritability. It's a good idea to see a doctor if you experience a few of these symptoms. It is a serious medical condition that can result in complications such as: daytime fatigue, high blood pressure, heart problems, Type 2 diabetes, liver problems, and my favourite, a sleep-deprived partner.

Testing for sleep apnea can entail spend-

ing a night at a sleep clinic where a sleep specialist monitors your breathing and other body functions through the night. Depending on the results you may end up with CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) machine. The air pressure from this machine keeps your upper airway passages open preventing apnea and snoring.

While it may seem rather cumbersome, people who have adjusted to wearing it are enjoying the benefits of a good night's rest. There are other devices that can be used if the CPAP doesn't work. There is also surgery for extreme cases where the other options have failed.

Like with so many health disorders, living a healthy lifestyle is either a first step or a complimentary part of the process to dealing with sleep apnea. Years ago

a client lost more than 30 pounds and one of the benefits was that his sleep improved (the symptom of sleep apnea disappeared) to the point where he stopped using the CPAP. Once again, diet and exercise come to the rescue.

Something to think about.

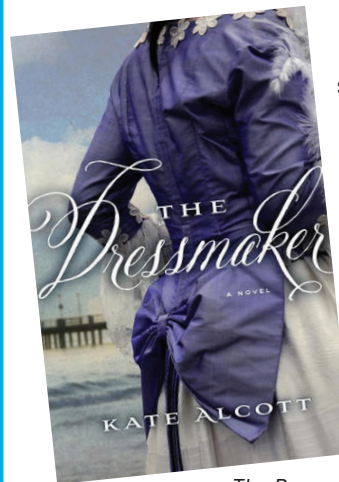
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### STAFF PICK



*The Dressmaker* by Kate Alcott

Tess, an aspiring seamstress, thinks herself lucky when she's hired by famous designer Lady Lucile Duff Gordon to be a personal maid on the Titanic. She even meets a pair of handsome suitors. Her luck changes, however, when disaster strikes.

Set against a historical tragedy but told from a fresh angle, *The Dressmaker* is filled with the glamour of the 1910s, raw feelings of national tragedy, and all the contradictory emotions of young love.

Penni says: It was easy to become engaged in this novel. I felt a part of the story, as I already knew facts about the sinking and aftermath of the Titanic. It was nice to follow the story from Tess's perspective and to be introduced to characters, both fictional and familiar.

Rating: 10/10

*The Dressmaker* is available to reserve at HCPL.

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# Re-examining camping restrictions in MH

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Aug. 29 Minden Hills council meeting.*

Councillors heard a presentation from brothers Blaine Cooper and Blair Johnson, encouraging council to revisit regulations in the township's zoning bylaw that prohibit camping on private property.

As Cooper and Johnson explained, they have traditionally camped in trailers on their parents' property. However, after a complaint was filed with the township and the family was visited by bylaw staff, the brothers said the trailers were removed to come into compliance.

Cooper and Johnson stressed that their family get-togethers are typically over by 11 p.m. and that while they understood the township not wanting derelict trailers sitting on properties, for example, thought the current regulations prohibiting any camping on private property were too strict.

They also noted that action against bylaw infractions in Minden Hills is complaint driven, and said they were aware they are not the only people who camp on private lands in the township. Cooper said he knew of municipalities where camping on private properties was permitted, sometimes subject to a fee being paid alongside yearly property taxes, or with bylaws capping the number of consecutive days where such camping may occur. He encouraged Minden Hills councillors to consider those kinds of regulations.

A number of councillors seemed to agree

the regulation was too strict, and suggested perhaps it was time to modernize the bylaw. Mayor Brent Devolin, noting the regulation was 13 years old, said it could be re-examined as part of the township's zoning bylaw review.

## Septic re-inspections

Minden Hills will enter into a contract with firm WSP Canada to conduct septic system re-inspections throughout the township.

Municipalities have been mandated by the province to create septic re-inspection programs, although what type of inspection is performed is up to each individual municipality. Minden Hills will undertake Type 3 inspections, which are lid-off inspections. An additional inspection following a pump-out may be required if remedial action is deemed necessary.

The township will pay costs totalling nearly \$48,000 plus HST for scheduling, risk assessment and mapping, as well as \$1,500 plus HST for the firm to conduct a public meeting and education outreach, and \$1,500 plus HST for representatives from the firm to attend council meetings. The rest of the program is cost-neutral, with the cost of the actual inspections falling to property owners. The site inspection cost per property will total \$225 (that's inclusive of HST) and post-remedial inspections that may be required will also cost \$225. Minden Hills is the last of Haliburton County's four lower-tier townships to institute its septic re-inspection program.

## Recycling costs

The cost of recycling continues to climb,

and Minden Hills will incur a deficit to cover its recycling expenses for 2019.

As a report from public works director Travis Wilson indicated, during the past few years markets for recyclable materials have crashed due to a combination of factors including the acceptance of materials overseas.

Wilson's report showed that \$225,000 was budgeted in 2019 to deal with the recycling from the township's waste disposal sites. However, because of the declining market, the companies that process those recyclables – Garbutt Enterprises and Waste Connections – have increased their tipping fees.

Wilson indicated the deficit will be approximately \$54,000, and said a rebate of some \$18,000 is possible, should the market stabilize somewhat.

"While it's a large hit to the township, it's necessary to keep these businesses going," he told councillors.

If there is not a departmental surplus at the end of the year, money will come from landfill reserves to cover the shortfall.

## Traffic concerns along Bobcaygeon Road

During the winter, residents who live near the intersection of Bobcaygeon Road and Scotch Line Road made a delegation to council regarding their concerns about the speed of traffic in the area, as well as heavy trucks using the road.

During last week's meeting, council received a letter from area residents about their ongoing concerns.

"Since that time, we received your offi-

cial response in letter once, but have noticed no change, no action of improvement at all, except the filling of potholes on the road, which is usual operation for annual temporary repair," reads the letter, which goes on to state the biggest concern is with large trucks, the noises they create and the damage they do to the roads.

"It's one of the negative byproducts of growth," Mayor Brent Devolin said of increased traffic in the area. Roads work in the past couple of years has improved the quality of the stretch of road between the village of Minden and Scotch Line Road, and more homes continue to be built in the area.

"When you improve the quality of the road, the speeds go up and there's more traffic," Devolin said.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she thought the township should be encouraging the drivers of large trucks to use Highway 35 instead of Bobcaygeon Road (which connects to Highway 118).

"We have to ensure that area remains a good place to live," Sayne said.

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Karen Gervais and her son Linus run together.



### Three in one

Above, children charge into the water to start their race at the 6th annual Twelve Mile Lake Triathlon on Tuesday, Aug. 27 in Minden Hills. Started by Carnarvon resident and mother of three Joleen Thomas, the three sport discipline (swim, bike and run/walk) event has a focus on participation and encouraging an active lifestyle. There were 27 participants, which is the second highest total ever after last year's record of 32. There was a diverse range of participants from two-year-olds to 13-year-olds, both girls and boys, who could participate in four different distances (blueberries, apple, orange and pineapple). Swim portions were various distances, but the shortest distance, included a 450 metre bike and a 400 metre run while the longest distance course, was a four kilometre run and a two kilometre bike leg.

Left, Finn Taylor-Bayly takes a turn while competing in the 6th annual Twelve Mile Lake Triathlon. /Photos submitted by Darby Bayly

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Fantastic fun at the fair

Thomas is ready for another ride on the motorcycles at the Kinmount Fair's midway on Sept. 1, with his sister Willow hanging on behind him. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



The iconic Scrambler ride gave kids and adults alike a thrill at the Kinmount Fair. Above, Jacob Mantle, Brody Hartwig and Hunter Hamilton go for a spin.



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by Jocelyn Purdie

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SEPTEMBER 19 6:30Pm—8PM

CURATORIAL TALK: Lapine-ism

Curator of the AJG speaks about the distinct style of Andre Lapine. Chronologically shown in a presentation with visuals of art movements, correlations are made between Lapine's work to Romanticism, Realism and Impressionism. Underlining the importance and integrity of Lapine is emphasized and explained in this discussion.

SEPTEMBER 26 6:30Pm—8PM

CURATORIAL TALK: Within Each Piece

Curator of the AJG speaks about selected works from Andre Lapine in the permanent collection. Revealing background information and intriguing stories about these works helps explain who Lapine was and his connection to the Minden area.

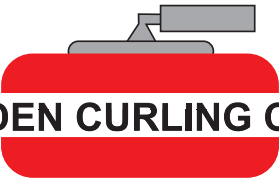


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Four-and-a-half-year-old Adalaide was all smiles with her arms full of prizes.



An animal display at the Kinmount Fair provided plenty of opportunity for visiting guests to pet, feed and learn about animals, or enjoy a pony ride.



Soper Creek Wildlife Detectives offered displays as well as demonstrations showcasing animals including a porcupine, skunk and fox.



Bleachers and the bandstand were packed on Sept. 1 during the annual demolition derby held at the 149th Kinmount Fair. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Vaughn, a volunteer plucked from the audience, had the spirit of a lumberjack as he joined the Tim Burr Circus - Lumberjack Show.



Crowds came out to cheer at the King and Queen of Strength competition, in which participants push a truck.



# Chip trucks wind down the season

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Times Staff

As winter slowly melts away and the weather gets wetter and then warmer, signs of summer start popping up across the county: busier roads, sunnier days, more visible skin, and the iconic chip truck. The trucks – or stands, wagons, booths – can be found in each municipality, opening when the weather gets warm enough to not have to worry about keeping them heated, generally in time for the May long weekend rush.

Dan Bingham purchased the food truck located at the Stanhope Airport last December, opening Dan’s Delicious Delights in May this year for the first time.

“I was supposed to retire at the end of June [last year] from driving a school bus and managing a community centre back in Copetown,” he said. “We were planning on moving up here, and Victoria [his daughter, in Haliburton] said, ‘Dad, I don’t think you’d be happy with nothing to do, so I found you a job.’”

Dan, now 61, said he’s been involved in food preparation since he was 14, and helped to design and organize the Lions Club food trailer in Copetown, where, as a Lions Club member, he was the “chief cook and bottle washer” for 27 years.

“The only thing I’m doing different here is that I’m serving fish and corned beef,” said Dan. “The hamburgers and hot dogs are all



Dan Bingham serves delicious delights from his chip truck located at the Stanhope Airport, offering tasty treats alongside views of helicopters taking off and planes landing. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

the same.”

He said he’s cut back from working 80 hours a week, to working 45. Victoria was right about him liking to stay busy - from

2000 to 2007, he worked 18 hour days, seven days a week.

“I’m not an inactive person,” he said. “When I sit, I just like to sit. But if I’m on the go, I’m on the go.”

Dan said that while on the go, he has long taken notice of chip truck placements throughout Ontario.

“When we were driving around, my wife and I would say, ‘oh, there would be a good place for a chip truck, or that would be a good spot for a chip truck, or that’s not really in a good spot.’”

He said his fish and chips are a big seller, as is his corned beef on rye with a pickle. And of course, the fresh cut fries. He’s been keeping a record of sales for the 22 weeks

he’ll be open.

“I have good days and bad days,” he said. “It’s reasonable most of the time.”

During his downtime, Dan has his iPad on hand to tune into CanoeFM when the airport wi-fi is strong, and when it’s not, he has sudoku. Behind his truck, airplanes and helicopters take off from the county’s sole airport, offering unique viewing entertainment for customers enjoying their meal.

“The only thing that I do miss about this is that I don’t have anybody to talk to while I’m here,” he said. “When [the Lions] were doing trailer events we were kibitzing and talking, and I came up with some of my best ideas by listening to what other people in the food

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- File No. PLSRA2019002:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10261, registered July 9, 2019.
- File No. PLSRA2019004:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 14, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10264, registered July 23, 2019.
- File No. PLRA2018049:** Part of the original road allowance between Lot 8, Concessions 4 & 5, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Parts 2, 3, and 4, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10248, registered May 17, 2019.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at [iclendingen@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclendingen@mindenhills.ca).

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, September 12, 2019** at the hour of 9:00 AM At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, September 26, 2019**.

**DATED AT THE** Township of Minden Hills, this September 5, 2019  
Ian Clendening, MPI., Planner



Leeann Truckle, affectionately known as Little Mama, serves a diverse menu next to Twelve Mile Lake at Little Mamas Snack Shack.



## Roadside eateries offer 'freedom'

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trailer had to say.”

Often, he said, there’s a rush between 4:30 and 6:45 p.m., when he’ll usually see moms with kids, families from the area, and regulars including a couple from Bracebridge who stop in on Sunday nights.

“It’s something I always thought I would like to give a try,” he said. “It’s not a long-term thing. I’ll do this for two, maybe three years, and then I’ll carry on. I like the freedom of it.”

Dan’s Delicious Delights (1168 Stanhope Airport Road) is open from Thursday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, and closes the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend.

Leeann Truckle, or Little Mama as she is affectionally known, is also celebrating her first season open. She set up Little Mama’s Snack Shack in the former Wedgewood BBQ Bar on the Wedgewood RPM property on Hwy 35 alongside Twelve Mile Lake in Minden late in the season, opening in July.

“I’ve actually been hunting down this place every year ... I bought [my house] on Twelve Mile Lake 10 years ago and for eight years I’ve been watching, waiting for that place to become available,” she laughed. “I was literally just driving by one day coming from Carnarvon and saw the sign up and my husband did a U-turn, we turned around, I met with them the next day and the deal was sealed.”

After quickly planning a menu and having health inspections completed, Truckle opened July 12.

“I had a big panic attack, as soon as I opened the doors, but it was so exciting when I served my first customer because it was like, yes, OK, I’m ready,” she said. “And then when you serve that first customer and then they automatically come back with, ‘that was the most amazing burger I’ve ever had.’ ... So getting this constant feedback from customers, it drives your heart and head to say, OK, what’s next, what am I going to do next? I’m so excited for next year even though this season’s not done yet because of my customers and how good they’ve made it.”

After getting married at the end of September, Truckle is

hoping to spend the off-season planning for next year, when she hopes to host events that help drive traffic to the snack shack, including live music on the lakeside patio, magician shows and other kid-friendly events, and big screen movie nights.

“I love bringing people together so I think for me that’s what it is, and just getting the lake busy again,” she said. “I’ve watched Twelve Mile go down in the last 10 years, to go from busy, busy, busy – whether it’s because of the weather or there just isn’t a lot to do on Twelve Mile, I want to bring that back.”

Truckle said business is often reliant on the boaters on Boshkung and Twelve Mile Lake, and that rainy days have been proven to be really slow or non-existent, but that after being in the industry for almost 30 years she is thrilled to have her own business.

“I started out as a dishwasher and I just worked my way up,” she said. “I’ve cooked in many restaurants in this town and I’ve always wanted to just be in business for myself, the opportunity arose and here I am.”

She loves the freedom she said she has in operating the snack shack.

“I find you can do so much more with it,” she said. “I can change my menu as many times as I want to, add new things, take away things. There’s so much more creativity that can go into it as opposed to the brick and mortar store.”

She learns tricks of the trade and perfects recipes from YouTube videos, adding personal touches like a gummy worm to an ice cream if a child is at the window.

“I think for the beginning for me, I think it was more of, let’s get started and open so let’s go for, what’s the easiest stuff to execute,” she said. “But then along the way, just interacting with my customers, and what are things you would like to see that I don’t have on my menu? You start out with the basic burgers, fries, hot dogs, poutines, your things that you can get at a chip truck and along the way people have made suggestions or I’ve added things that I know I enjoy that you can’t get around here.”

From bacon-wrapped deep fried pickles, to mozzarella sticks, battered mushrooms, and pulled pork poutine, Truckle said her menu has a little bit of everything. She said she sells a lot of bacon cheeseburger poutine: hand-cut fries with crumbled homemade burger on top, bacon, cheddar cheese, cheese curds, smothered in gravy. Next year she plans to offer fried cheese poutine tacos – a fried cheese shell stuffed with poutine, smoked bacon and chives served on a bed of lettuce, as well as tofu fries, which she said are “really yummy, and I don’t even like tofu.”

After years of the food stop having different owners, Truckle said she has “decided this is where it stops, in these hands right here.”

“I love it,” she said. “I think that, if you love cooking, it’s definitely where I’d rather be. It’s a rewarding job on so many levels.”

Little Mama’s Snack Shack (14445 Hwy 35) is open until Sept. 22 this year, usually from 11 to 7 p.m.

This is the Huffman family’s second year operating Huff’s Hut just outside of Wilberforce, but this new version of the chip truck comes 25 years after Lynn and Rick operated a

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When: Thursday Sept. 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Canoe FM Radio Hall.

Bring a story to tell or just come to listen. All welcome, no charge.

For more information call Bob at 705 457 8617

### HHOA Septemberfest

When: Sept. 7

Where: Haliburton Legion

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Stanhope: Stanhope Community Center - Tues. Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to noon  
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### Eventide: Community Conversation on Living and Dying Well

When: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1 to 3 p.m.

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When: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Haliburton U.C., 10 George St, Haliburton

What: How to talk about the climate crisis without killing the conversation

Cost: by donation

For more info: Susan Hay 705-457-9239

### Lunch and Learn with Tammy Rea

When: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 12 p.m. lunch, presentation at 1 p.m.

Where: Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashagawigamog Road, Haliburton

Cost is \$20 (cash or cheque only)

For tickets call Angela Jones at 416-578-6998

### Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

### No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic

When: Wednesday, Sept. 11

Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton.

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### Haliburton: Food Handler Course

When: Thursday, Sept. 12, 9 am to 4 p.m.

Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.

This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

### Haliburton: Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic

When: Saturday, Sept. 14, 8 a.m. to Noon

Where: Haliburton Fire Hall

Haliburton Veterinary Services offers rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats. Cost \$35/animal (cash only). Bring proof of pet's previous vaccination if possible. Please ensure dogs on leash and cats in carriers. No animal exams are offered at clinic (for a full screening, book another vet appointment). Call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006 for more information.



Tim and Jane Bates from Toronto, visiting friends in Harcourt Park, stopped by Huff's Hut with Casey, who is using the power of the dog stare in an attempt to get a snack./SUE TIFFIN Staff

## Chip truck still popular 25 years later

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Huff's Hut in Wilberforce's downtown area.

"A property at the end of our road that we've always liked came up for sale, and we bought it thinking it would be a great place for a chip truck so that's how it came to be," said Lynn. "Mind you, there's a lot more detail getting a chip truck going than it used to be, 25 years ago."

It's Lynn and Rick's son, also named Rick, who is usually the staff on hand at Huff's Hut, which claims to offer the "best fries in the GTHA." GTHA? "The Greater Tory Hill Area," Rick said from behind the window.

"I've always wanted to open a cafe, but they're not easy to come by," said Lynn, who said she and her husband have also worked at different fairs, operating a t-shirt press, and enjoy being entrepreneurs. "I guess we like that kind of thing."

Lynn said when Huff's Hut reappeared, "the town was all thrilled with the fact that we were opening again."

Customers include contractors and cottagers, but Lynn said there's a variety of people who visit.

"You put out good product, and you know what, you build customers," said Lynn. "We like thinking the locals support us, so that when the cottagers are up, it's extra, it's great."

One woman, Lynn said, approached the Hut saying she thought she had heard the name before.

"She couldn't remember when or how it stuck in her mind," she said. "I mentioned [the previous business] and sure enough, that was it, all those years ago."

The menu has remained relatively the same, though Lynn

said pizza fingers that were popular 25 years ago are hard to come by at a decent price nowadays. And the fries, of course, have to be fresh cut fries.

"It's not a recipe, it's how you do it," she said. "You have to pre-do fries. You can't just cut a fresh cut fry, throw it in the fryer and cook it straight through. Well, you can do that, but it doesn't make a great fry."

Though regulations are different and the process of opening a chip truck has changed, the popularity of the food stop in Ontario —has survived all those years even as diets have changed.

"If you're looking for healthy food you're not going to a chip truck," said Lynn. "People like it because it's fast food. You're not sitting and waiting half an hour for a meal. It's kind of, in and out. When it's really busy, you know you'll be waiting longer if you pull up and see a lot of cars. Usually you can plan in and out in 10 minutes."

Lynn said her family is always adding embellishments to the hut to improve it - awnings, decks, covers.

"Our business is still growing, but the chip truck supports it," she said. "We're not getting rich by any means, but it supports the growth."

Reopening 25 years later has been a learning experience for Lynn and her family.

"It's been, not a smooth ride getting there, but we're there now," she said.

Huff's Hut (1725 Loop Road) is open from 11 a.m. until about 8 p.m. for the month of September.

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# Tea with best selling author Susanna Kearsley up for auction

Bestselling author Susanna Kearsley will be at the Haliburton Legion on Sept. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. for the first ever Big Book Club. One lucky participant, and their guest, will have an opportunity to meet with Susanna, later in the week, at a negotiated time, for tea. The tea in a private home will allow the participants to have a meaningful discussion with Susanna about her writing and motivations for her books. Come to the event to enjoy the discussion and bid on this and other silent auction items. Funds raised will be used to bring other notable authors to the Haliburton Highlands on future dates.

Kearsley is a *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Globe and Mail* bestselling author. As a former museum curator Kearsley brings to life the lost voices of real people. Each novel is a masterpiece of historical intrigue interwoven with a modern-day adventure. The two time periods are connected by an element of the paranormal: perhaps a ghost, some time

travel or the unfolding of genetic memories.

The Big Book Club is an opportunity for the audience to interact with the author in a discussion of her latest novel of love, war and historical intrigue: *Bellevether*. Participants will be able to ask questions that enhance their understanding of the book and Kearsley's writing philosophy. Reading of the book before is not mandatory but helpful. Copies can be acquired, at a discounted rate, from Master's bookstore. If you cannot join the live discussion please "tune in" through the Haliburton Reads and Writes Facebook page for a live feed of the event.

The afternoon will begin with an opportunity to socialize and bid on auction items while listening to jazz music played by Haliburton's own Nick Russell. Participants will then be asked to formulate questions through small group discussions, followed by a presentation by Kearsley, and lively discussion led by Erin Kernohan-Berning. The Master of Ceremony for

the event is the always entertaining, well-known local radio personality Mike Jaycock.

Kearsley's books, published in translation in more than 20 countries, have won the Catherine Cookson Fiction Prize, RT Reviewers' Choice Awards, a RITA Award, and National Readers' Choice Awards, and have finaled for the UK's Romantic Novel of the Year and the Crime Writers of Canada's Arthur Ellis Award for Best Novel. She lives near Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Funding for this event has been made possible by a Local Initiatives Grant from Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton Highlands Writer's and Editors Network. Haliburton Reads and Writes is a committee of the Literary Arts Round Table of the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council.

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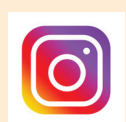


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**Second year**

As MPP Dennis Drainville heads into his second year at Queen's Park, he has new responsibilities. See page 5

**Hot blades**

Minden figure skater Lisa Carr has earned more honours, by placing third in a cross-Canada competition. See page 13

**Piano man**

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## Plan will not wait for restructuring

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Haliburton County can't put its official plan on hold to wait for county restructuring and an economic turn-around, says Sherborne Reeve Don Shortreed.

Shortreed made the comments at a public meeting held at the Minden community centre last Saturday. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the public's input on the proposed county official plan.

"I know there has been some controversy about the official plan," said Shortreed. "A lot of the concern is about the economics of it. We can't control the fact that senior levels of government control the purse strings, but Haliburton County can't stand still and wait."

Shortreed said the county first wrestled with the concept of an official plan in the mid 1970s but, because council could not reach a consensus, the issue was dropped.

Since then, the municipalities of Minden, Dysart and Cardiff have adopted their own official plans which, said Shortreed, showed they were planning for the future.

"The other seven townships, for different reasons, put official plans on the back burner," he said. "That was probably a mistake."

In the last four years, some of the seven townships decided they should have their own official plans but it was agreed a county-wide plan should first be adopted.

"It is very important that all townships have their own official plan, but first we have to have a county plan," said Shortreed.

"For the good of the county we have to work together for the betterment of the county in the future."

County planner Mark Stagg made a pres-

entation to the 25 people who attended the meeting. He explained the discussion paper on the county official plan which is currently being circulated and touched on some of the issues the county will have to deal.

Stagg said there are two types of issues the county will have to address in the plan.

The first concern will be provincial poli- (more on page 4)

## Minden council approves third advance poll

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Minden Council has approved a third advance polling day for the November municipal elections, as requested by the Coalition of Anson, Hindon and Minden Ratepayers' Associations.

Earlier in the month, the coalition requested another weekend advance poll in order to encourage voter participation among the municipality's seasonal residents.

In addition to the regular election day on November 12, residents in Anson, Hindon and Minden will also be able to vote on Saturday, Nov. 2, Wednesday, Nov. 6, and Saturday, Nov. 9.

Bob Hurre, president of the Mountain Lake Ratepayers' Association, says the coalition hopes to reverse the trend of lower voter turn-out which was evident in previous municipal elections, particularly among seasonal residents.

"The opportunity has been presented for (more on page 2)

## Protest grows against development charges

by Susan Grober

A number of area municipalities have supported a move for an amendment to the province's new Development Charges Act.

Dysart, Lutterworth and Stanhope councils have all passed resolutions similar to one circulated by the Township of Euphrasia, near Meaford, to all municipalities with a population less than or equal to 5,000.

Euphrasia council objects to a Ministry of Municipal Affairs requirement that a development charges study be required before

municipalities can impose lot levy charges.

The resolution states that a number of small municipalities don't have much development, and the cost of doing a development charges study is expensive. If a development charges bylaw is not in place by November 23, lot levy charges will be illegal.

The resolution urges the ministry to amend the Development Charges Act to allow small municipalities of under 5,000 electors to charge a lot levy of up to \$1,000 per lot, without having to complete a study or to seek Ontario Municipal Board approval.



Eleonore Prokop and Michael Quinsey, of the Generic Theatre in Toronto, delighted local audiences last Tuesday with their version of Beauty and the Beast, at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home.

## Holiday weekend office hours

As the summer draws to a close, *The Times* staff will be joining many of you by enjoying a couple of days off. This coming

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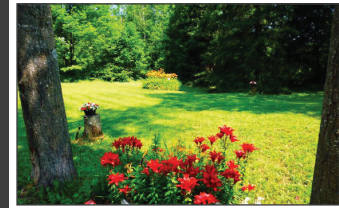
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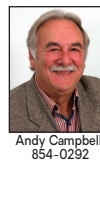
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### Kennisis SW Exp Sand & Deep

- 2100 Sq' Living Space, 3 Bdrm, 4 Pc Bath, Lg Kit
- Lg Lr/Dr & Lg Lower Rec Rm, 2 New Decks
- Covered Sitting Area, Terrific View Yr Rd, Wifi



Mark Denny\*\*  
457-0473

### NEW LISTING

### Maple Lake Cottage \$589,900

- Apprx 103 Ft Frtg, 0.16 Acr
- Apprx 1670 Sq Ft, 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath
- N/W Sunsets, Shallow/Sandy Beach
- Attached Garage



Tom Ecclestone\*  
286-2138 x 26

### SOLD on Gull Lake

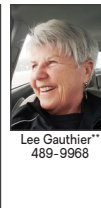
- THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD TO SOME VERY NICE PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN RETURNING TO BEAUTIFUL GULL LAKE



Lindsay Elder\*\*  
457-5878

### Spar Lake \$324,500

- Lovingly cared for 2-bedroom cottage
- Open plan with a deck & patio with gazebo
- Many outdoor living area, spacious fire pit
- Plus many recent upgrades throughout!



Lee Gauthier\*\*  
489-9968

### Kushog Lake \$449,000

- West exp 3bdrm cottage, laminate floors
- Natural terraced lot, sand beach & flat rock shelf
- New deck and stairs



Fred Heinzler\*\*  
788-5825

### Nature lover's retreat \$358,900

- Open concept 3 season off grid solar powered cottage on the Burnt River.



Andrew Hodgson\*\*  
286-2138 x 29

### NEW LISTING

### Kimount Farm \$699,000

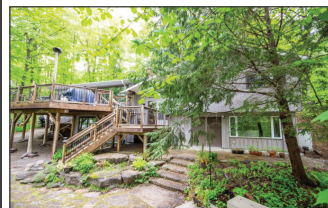
- 201-acre farm property close to town
- Features pastures, trails, hardwood bush, 26-foot deep spring-fed pond
- Modern 1500 Sq Ft barn & log home



Susanne James\*  
Andy Mosher\*\*  
457-2128 x 33

### Long Lake \$399,900

- 3BR Viceroy-style cottage, Newer septic & winter water system
- Open plan with a deck & patio with gazebo
- 2-lake chain with Miskwabi Lake for miles of boating
- Adjacent vacant lot also available



Rosemarie Jung\*  
457-7049

### Little Kennisis Lake \$799,000

- Beautiful 4 + 1 bdrm, year-round ctge/home
- Large deck right on the water, southern exposure
- Sitting on Haliburton's premier 2 lake system



David Lee\*  
286-2138 x 27

### Black Lake Cottage ONLY \$239,000

- WAO classic cottage
- 2 bedrooms + loft.
- Screened room, septic & hydro
- 100 feet of waterfrontage



Brandon Nimigon\*  
457-2128 x 27

### East Moore Lake \$789,000

- Custom-crafted 4 season, under 2H from GTA
- Open concept interior, sunroom & WO to deck
- 3-bedroom, 2 bath, large second level loft
- Extreme privacy, to 239' of deep clean shoreline



Karen Nimigon\*\*  
457-6505

### Moore Lake \$448,000

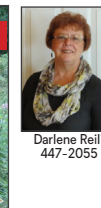
- Lovely open concept Viceroy style cottage
- 3 bedrooms & sunroom overlooking the lake
- 3 lake chain for great boating and fishing



Kirsten Rae\*  
286-2138 x 30

### Little Hawk Lake \$439,900

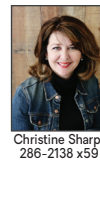
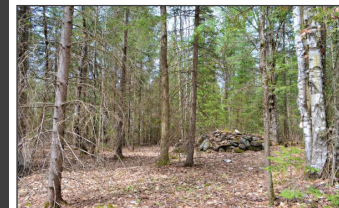
- Cute & cozy renovated cottage with lakeside bunkie
- Algonquin setting with big lake views
- One of only 15 cottages with road access



Darlene Reil\*  
447-2055

### Highland Grove \$39,900

- Over 5 acres with driveway installed
- 10 minutes to Bancroft



Christine Sharp\*  
286-2138 x59

### Building Lot \$74,900

- Beautifully forested & private 2+ acre lot
- Ski in trail to Sir Sam's adjacent to the property
- Just a short drive from the town of Eagle Lake



Greg Stamp\*  
457-2128 x 28

### Hunter Creek Estates \$124,000

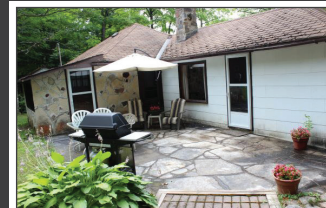
- Recently renovated home with 3 bedrooms
- New flooring, freshly painted, new electric furnace
- Located on a large corner lot, minutes to Minden



Melanie Vigrass\*  
286-2138 x 32

### Minden Bungalow \$349,500

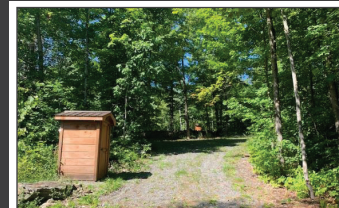
- 3 Bedrooms/1.5 Baths
- Open Concept, 1575 sq. ft
- Covered Deck, Level Lot
- Walk to all Amenities



Tom Wilkinson  
286-2138 x 25

### Glamor Lake \$599,000

- 621' of waterfront and 21 acres
- Sunset exposure
- Clean sandy waterfront



Andrea Wilson\*\*  
457-2128 x 25

### Building Lot \$68,500

- Nice, well treed, partially landscaped
- Walking to public access on Kushog Lake
- 1.07 acres with easy municipal access
- Underground hydro & circular driveway

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